

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 25

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A RESOLUTION to honor Jackie Smith for her commitment to safety as a school bus driver in Maury County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to recognize a conscientious Tennessean who transported three generations of school children in Maury County for more than forty-four years without a single accident; and

WHEREAS, Jackie Smith began her accident-free career as a school bus driver on April 25, 1976, and served with distinction in that capacity until May 20, 2020, when she took her much-deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, after learning of the job opening for a school bus driver from an acquaintance in 1975, Ms. Smith aced the driving test despite having to navigate the bus up and down many hills with a manual transmission; and

WHEREAS, during the course of her illustrious career, Ms. Smith drove children of every age and from every school in the county; and

WHEREAS, every weekend during sports seasons, she volunteered to transport athletes and band members to various locations across the Southeast; and

WHEREAS, Jackie Smith earned the admiration and gratitude of her community through her commitment to "safety first" as a school bus driver, and three generations of Maury Countians hold her in the highest regard; and

WHEREAS, Jackie Smith devoted more than forty-four years to the care and transportation of our children, this State's most precious resource, and she should be recognized on the occasion of her retirement from public service; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Jackie Smith for transporting three generations of Maury County school children, accident-free, for more than four decades, and extend to this dedicated professional our best wishes for much continued success and happiness during her retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.